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42530-5500**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a Verified Translation of the Japanese Priority Document 2002/247807 filed on August 27, 2002.

The Office Action relied upon *Abe et al* (U.S. Patent No. 6,715,671) filed on September 25, 2002 as a principal reference for rejecting certain claims. In this regard, Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected as being anticipated by the *Abe et al* reference.

Additionally, Claims 5 and 18 were rejected over *Abe et al* in view of the *Mochizuki et al* (U.S. patent No. 6,536,761) when taken further in view of the Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 609241.

Claim 19 was rejected over the *Abe et al* reference in view of the Japanese Laid-Open Application.

Finally, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected over the *Ito et al* (U.S. Patent No. 4,972,958).

Presumably, the subject matter of Claims 6-7 and 9-18 contained allowable subject matter.

With the submission of our priority document, the *Abe et al* reference is mooted as prior art. Additionally, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3, which was only rejected over the *Abe et al* reference.

In view of this amendment to the claims and the submission of our Verified Japanese Priority Document, it is believed the case is now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

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If the Examiner has any questions with regards to this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted in the listed phone number.

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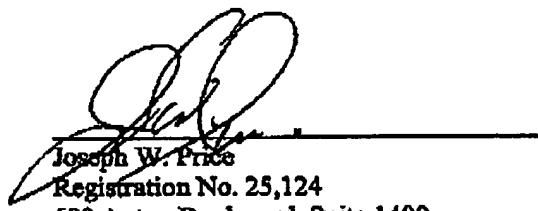
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VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

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I, Takao Honya, residing at Tsurukawa 5-11-23, Machida-shi, Tokyo, Japan 195-0061, hereby declare that I am the translator of the attached Japanese Application No. 2003-034618, and I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following is a true translation made by me into the English language.

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